

Miller Acts to End Congestion in Courts Here

Believes More Justices Can Be Assigned to Criminal Cases by Appellate Division as Emergency Relief

Bar Makes 3 Proposals

Scope of Special Sessions May Be Enlarged to Hear State Dry Law Violations

Governor Miller announced yesterday that the congestion in the criminal courts here would receive his immediate attention and that he would ascer- tain whether additional Supreme Court justices could be assigned for work in this county by the Appellate Division as an emergency measure.

The announcement followed a conference in the Hotel Plaza, at which the Governor and a committee composed of Judge Charles T. Nott, of the Court of General Sessions; District Attorney Banton; Herbert R. Limberg, representing the New York County Bar Association; and Howard Townsend and James Byrne, representing the Bar Association of the City of New York, took part.

Committee Offers Proposals

The committee laid before the Governor three proposals designed to accelerate the trials of criminal cases now on the calendar, some of which are two years old, and to put an end to the pile of cases arising out of the bail bond situation. The proposals were:

To assign Supreme Court justices and county judges from other districts and jurisdictions to New York County to sit in Special Term to try criminal cases.

To enlarge the scope and authority of the Court of Special Sessions to hear cases arising out of violation of the Mullan-Gage prohibition enforcement law.

To increase the number of terms in the Court of General Sessions to be increased from seven to nine, and two additional judges be appointed to make this possible.

Governor Hopeful of Relief

After the conference Governor Miller said: "It is very important to have these cases expediently disposed of, especially the bail cases. What we need, and I think it could be done, is to have additional Supreme Court justices sit. I will see if additional judges can be found to hold sessions. Possibly this can be done through assignment by the Appellate Division without the Governor ordering an extraordinary term."

"Of course, that is a temporary measure. The other two proposals are to be considered. Last winter I favored the addition to the law enforcement act to give the Court of Special Sessions jurisdiction in cases of violation of the Mullan-Gage law."

Regarding the proposal to increase the number of judges in the Court of General Sessions, Governor Miller said that was necessary and would be useful in the present time, but the number of judges to be permanently established should be carefully considered.

Pickpocket Tries Theft Under Noses of Police

Attempt Made to Rob Semi-conscious Man as Detectives Bend Over Him

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Charges Woman He Befriended Strives To Jail Him Again

Wealthy Contractor Reveals Judgment Against Nurse in Effort to Set Aside Verdict on Notes He Gave

David A. Sherard, a wealthy trucking contractor, told Justice Giegerich in the Supreme Court yesterday an unusual story of complications into which he got himself by his supposed generosity toward Mrs. Helen Brazell, who was a nurse in the French Hospital when Mr. Sherard was a patient there. Sherard testified in connection with an application to vacate a judgment obtained by Mrs. Brazell for two \$2,500 notes.

It was in 1909 that Mr. Sherard and

Mrs. Brazell met in the hospital. Their friendship continued and produced a \$25,000 breach of promise suit by Mrs. Brazell against Mr. Sherard, although upon investigation the defendant said he learned that the plaintiff was already married and living with her husband.

This revelation caused the justice before whom the suit was tried to have a charge of perjury made against Mrs. Brazell and she was sentenced to Elmira Reformatory for three years. The said that when forgiving, however, and him later and sought financial aid he the contents of a house in West Forty-fifth Street. Mr. Sherard gave her each. He also gave her \$2,500, which she said she needed to have herself re-year for Mrs. Brazell to repay him on the loan and the settlement not being a judgment. He did not file his judgment until a month ago.

Sherard said that he again consented to help her when she asked his help in buying a hotel in West Forty-fourth

Street. He again gave her two notes for \$2,500 each.

Mrs. Brazell did not buy the hotel, but she retained the notes and brought suit on them. She obtained judgment and filed supplementary proceedings. Upon his failure to appear for examination, because, as he explained later, he had the \$4,000 judgment against Mrs. Brazell, Sherard was committed to Ludlow Street jail. He was in jail a week, when Mrs. Brazell consented to his release.

"I said nothing to my attorney about the \$8,000 claim," said Mr. Sherard, "because I sympathized with her and felt that after I had been released from jail she would drop the matter." Now, added Mr. Sherard, Mrs. Brazell is seeking to have him punished a second time for contempt of court.

Mrs. Brazell's reply was that Sherard had "ruined her life, and without compensation or conscience and for the purpose of getting her out of the way secured her imprisonment and public degradation and then had boasted that he had degraded her."

Under the order of Justice Giegerich vacating the judgment against Sherard he will be permitted to defend the action against him on the notes.

Lincoln, Alleged Master Spy, Faces Voyage to Europe

Immigration Board to Examine Teller of Sensational Tales Who Gave Out the Tip He Is in America

Ignatius Timothy Tribitch Lincoln, self-styled international spy, charged with having entered this country surreptitiously, will be examined by an immigration special board of inquiry within a few days to determine whether he should be deported as an undesirable alien.

Lincoln was arrested Friday night by Department of Justice agents, having made his presence known by writing letters to newspapers and also to the Federal authorities, pleading that

he be permitted to remain here, as his life would be endangered if he were returned to Germany.

The man of many adventures, according to his own story, was released on a \$1,000 bond supplied by Albert T. Otto, an importer, of 101 Park Avenue, who also retained Paul N. Turner, a lawyer, of 1476 Broadway, to defend him at the immigration hearing.

When questioned by the Department of Justice men Lincoln admitted he had arrived here in November under an assumed name aboard the liner Adriatic, using a false passport in effecting his departure from an Italian port. On other details of his movements he was reticent.

In their investigation leading up to the apprehension of Lincoln the agents said they learned that the man, who boasts of having been in turn an Anglican priest in Germany and a member of Parliament in England, had a brother, Harry Tribitch, employed as a waiter in a restaurant at 115th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue. Harry Tribitch said yesterday he had not seen his brother in a long time.

After his arrival here Lincoln endeavored to have published a book dealing with his experiences as a "mas-

ter spy" in connection with European intrigues. More recently he worked for an elevator supply concern.

The officials said yesterday they had no further interest in Lincoln, who kept them busy during the war, and said that much of the man's self-revealed history concerning escapes from assassination in Germany since 1920 were to be taken with a grain of salt.

Women Injured by Acid Sprayed in Paris Subways

PARIS, Jan. 28 (By The Associated Press).—The Paris police have received 500 complaints from women who claim their gowns and furs have been badly burned by acid sprayed by atomizers on subway seats and in fashionable shops. Some also claim they have suffered bodily injuries, and one woman is said to have gone to a hospital as a result of acid burns.

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